



Salem, O. July, 22. /55

Wm. Weston

Dear Friend: I al-
ways feel a delicacy
in soliciting donations
from you for our Fair
— a fear lest I shall em-
barrass you for I know
full well of the vexatious
annoyances of being in
charge of Fair goods some-
times I think you know
all about our needs — and
that if you can you will
minister to them. and that
I will wait patiently
But the present pecu-

many prospects of
the Western Society
forbids the indulgence
of reserved feeling. The
Subscription list of the
Bugle is lower than
it has been for a long
time and we have
no efficient financial
agent (our devoted Mrs
Griffing will have to
leave the field for new
maternal duties) Our
Treasury is nearly empty
and unless our an-
niversary is deferred that
we may have better vic-

in the way of public
speakers, it will be
much less successful
than any one that has
preceeded it —

We shall try hard
to rally new and old
interest and energy.
The goods that
you send us are of
great benefit to us, tho
we cannot always sell
at the prices marked,
partly because of their
being handled so much
before we receive them
without them and a few
others of similar descrip-
tion, that we receive from
other quarters we could

not obtain an admittance
fee to our Parlor
room

If circumstances
will permit you to help us
please let us know soon

We of the West feel that
our field of labor is our im-
portant one - all who come
from the East tell us so
even magnify it in our
own eyes - but we have in
no wise power & strength
equal to our work and
all the aid that we
can get in any way
from dear trusting friends
from abroad will be
ever
greatfully remembered

Emily Robinson